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Professor Denies Assassination Conspiracy

An angry denial came from a UCLA professor yesterday in response to a speech given here Tuesday.

Wesley Liebeler, associate professor of law at UCLA, denied that there was any suppressed evidence in the investigation on the Kennedy assassination in New Orleans as Harold Weisberg implied in his speech.

Liebeler said that there would be no conceivable reason why anyone on the Commission should try to suppress evidence and that the book "Oswald in New Orleans — Conspiracy with the CIA" is "completely false."

Specifically, Weisberg charges in his book that Liebeler knew of Oswald's association with David W. Ferrie, who died Feb. 22, 1967, as he was about to be arrested for the second time in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Weisberg then implied that Liebeler had purposely left the information off the report.

Liebeler stated yesterday that "there was no evidence of a relationship between Oswald and Ferrie and that was the only reason for leaving it out of the reports."

Weisberg also revealed a close connection between two offices in the same building — one of which housed an anti-Castro organization allegedly supported by the CIA and the other used by Oswald.

Liebeler said that the anti-Castro group, however, had moved out of the building long before Oswald ever used it.

"If Weisberg thinks that any staff member of the New Orleans Investigation Committee had any part in a conspiracy, it is an absolute fantasy," Liebeler said.

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Author Attacks Warren Report

The widely-criticized Warren Report was represented yesterday by a renowned critic as having no contact with reality.

Harold Weisberg spoke briefly to a audience of about 100 on the latest of his four books, "Oswald in New Orleans — Case for Conspiracy with the CIA."

"Lee Harvey Oswald has been greatly misrepresented by the press and the Warren report," Weisberg contended.

"While in New Orleans," Weisberg maintained, "Oswald was engaged in establishing an intelligence cover."

According to the Warren Report, Oswald printed an distributed leaflets for the "Fair Play for Cuba" program, Weisberg said. "However, there was no 'Fair Play for Cuba' program. Oswald printed the leaflets only to draw attention to himself as pro-Castro."

"Wesley J. Lebeler, associate professor of law at UCLA, was the pillar of the staff in connection with the investigation on Oswald's New Orleans activities," he said.

One of the FBI reports in connection with his investigation ends with the admission that its two and a half pages were hand typed by the author, Weisberg found. "But the report is now only two pages long," he revealed.

"The original of this important document," Weisberg emphasized, "no longer exists."

"This is typical of the Commission," he concluded.

Weisberg said that nothing but original documents should be acceptable as evidence.

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Warren Report Critic to Speak

Harold Weisberg, a noted critic of the Warren Commission Report, will speak on the latest of his four books, "Oswald in New Orleans — Case for Conspiracy with the CIA" at 4 p.m. today in 155 Dwinelle Hall.

From his studies of documents in the Warren Commission files at the National Archives, Weisberg has concluded that Oswald's pro-Castro activities in New Orleans were consistent only with the establishment of an intelligence "cover." He contends that the Warren Commission did not tell the full story of Oswald's contacts with anti-Castro groups, apparently backed by the CIA.

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